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Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to the Official Action dated October 5, 2004. A one-month extension of time in which to file this response is respectfully requested, and the required extension fee is submitted herewith. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.